

## Riverstone railway level crossing removal

Roads and Maritime Services is carrying out further traffic analysis in Riverstone and the surrounding areas as a result of community feedback. The analysis will assist Roads and Maritime to provide the most suitable solution that increases traffic efficiency and allows for population growth.

### Background

Roads and Maritime is planning to close the railway level crossing at Riverstone and build a new railway crossing to improve safety, reduce congestion and manage travel time.

NSW Government agencies have examined many options for providing a suitable road crossing for the railway line in the Riverstone area over the past 20 years.

In late 2013 and early 2014, Roads and Maritime sought community feedback on three options for a railway overpass including:

- Garfield Road (four lanes)
- Castlereagh Street (four lanes)
- Loftus Street (four lanes) and Garfield Road (two lanes).

### Consultation

Roads and Maritime received a lot of interest from the community and want to thank residents and stakeholders for the time they took to understand the options and provide their comments.

In response to requests from the community, the feedback period was extended to Friday 28 February 2014.

More than 200 people attended the community information sessions held in Riverstone and more than 250 submissions were received. About 500 people also attended a public meeting hosted by Blacktown City Council.

The community raised a number of points associated with the project including heavy vehicles travelling

through Riverstone town centre, community amenity, potential loss of business, impacts on schools and property acquisition requirements associated with the options presented.

Roads and Maritime received 140 comments about Garfield Road, 126 about Castlereagh Street, 72 about Loftus Street and 55 requesting alternative options be explored.

Roads and Maritime has prepared a community consultation report which provides a summary of comments and responses. The report is available to download from the Roads and Maritime website.



**Level crossing on Garfield Road at Riverstone.**

### What's happening now?

Roads and Maritime wants to provide the community with the most suitable solution that increases the efficiency of traffic flow and effectively serves public transport in the area while allowing for traffic and population increases as a result of the North West Growth Centre.

Based on community feedback, Roads and Maritime is carrying out further traffic analysis of future road network requirements for Riverstone, the surrounding areas and the whole North West Growth Centre to further evaluate the needs of the existing and predicted increases in population and traffic volumes.

Additionally a stakeholder group including the Member for Riverstone Kevin Conolly MP and representatives of the Department of Planning and Environment, Transport for NSW, Blacktown City Council, Hawkesbury City Council and Roads and Maritime has been formed. This group will consider the results of the traffic analysis and make a recommendation to Roads and Maritime.

## What happens next?

Roads and Maritime will provide further information to the community including the stakeholder group's recommendation in late 2014. This recommendation along with the community feedback and previous reports will be used to inform the decision for removing the railway level crossing at Riverstone.

Roads and Maritime will continue to keep the community informed about this project.

## Need more information?

Please contact the Riverstone project team on 1300 367 561, [Riverstone.overpass@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Riverstone.overpass@rms.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects) and search for Riverstone overpass.

## Consultation process





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